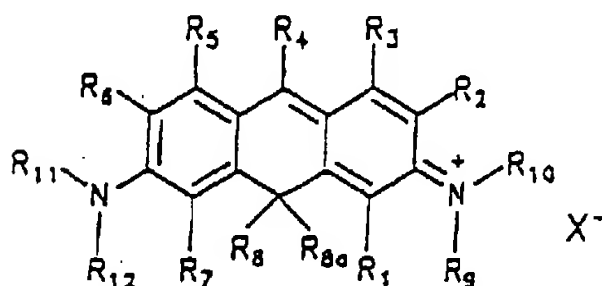


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

Claims 1-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) In an immunoassay or nucleic acid hybridization method for the detection of an analyte in a sample, the improvement which comprises using a labeled receptor for the analyte wherein the label is a compound ~~A method of detecting an analyte using labeling groups comprising the steps of: labeling the analyte with compounds of the~~ general formula I



~~as labeling groups and utilizing in a procedure for detecting analytes:~~

wherein:

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆ and R₇ are, ~~in each case independently,~~ at least one of hydrogen, halogen, a hydroxyl, amino, sulfo, carboxyl or aldehyde group, a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated straight chain, branched or cyclic ~~hydrocarbon~~ alkyl group having up to 20 carbon atoms, ~~wherein the hydrocarbon groups include at least one of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, or aryl,~~ a substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic ring